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SUBJECT: FRG CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMISSION

1. MINISTER-COUNSELOR RUYTER OF FRG EMBASSY CALLED AT HIS  
REQUEST JANUARY 21 ON IO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BAKER  
TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALLY OF FRG CANDIDACY FOR  
RE-ELECTION TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) WHEN  
ELECTIONS ARE HELD AT 62ND ECOSOC NEXT APRIL-MAY. FRG TERM  
ON HRC EXPIRES AT THE END OF THIS YEAR (AS DO THOSE OF U.S.  
AND ITALY OF WEO GROUP ON HRC). RUYTER REFERRED TO SPECIAL  
INTEREST OF FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER IN HUMAN RIGHTS  
MATTERS AS WELL AS TO POSITIVE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD OF FRG  
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GOVERNMENT, WHICH IMMEDIATELY AFTER BECOMING A UN MEMBER  
HAD RATIFIED THE HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANTS. RUYTER STATED  
THAT FRG WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT RE-ELECTION OF THE U.S.  
TO THE HRC AND HOPES THAT THE U.S. WOULD SUPPORT FRG  
RE-ELECTION.

2. BAKER INDICATED THE INTEREST OF THE USG IN BEING

RE-ELECTED TO THE HRC AND NOTED THAT THE U.S. WAS NOT YET IN A POSITION TO INDICATE WHICH WEO'S IT COULD SUPPORT. HE STRESSED THE DESIRABILITY OF ACHIEVING WEO GROUP AGREEMENT ON A SLATE, COMMENTING AS WELL ON GOOD US-FRG COOPERATION ON UN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.

3. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE SURPLUS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE THREE WEO VACANCIES FOR WHICH ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE 62ND ECOSOC, RUYTER INDICATED FRG INTENTION TO SUPPORT FRANCE FOR THE THIRD VACANCY. HE REGRETTED THAT THIS WOULD MEAN THAT FRG COULD NOT SUPPORT ITALY (WHOSE TERM ALSO EXPIRES IN 1977) FOR RE-ELECTION. IN RESPONSE TO BAKER'S QUERY, RUYTER NOTED THAT THE QUESTION OF CANDIDACIES TO THE HRC WOULD PROBABLY BE DISCUSSED AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME BY THE EC-9, WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING AGREEMENT ON TWO CANDIDATES FOR TWO UPCOMING VACANCIES (IN ADDITION TO THAT OF THE U.S.)

4. BAKER PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE FRG EMBASSY ON THIS MATTER IN THE INTERVENING TIME UNTIL THE ELECTIONS IN APRIL-MAY.  
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